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THE STAG AT EYE

Twenty-five couples dancing and seventy-five stags waiting to be asked to dance, and there you have a picture of any Friday or Saturday night fraternity hop at Penn State. But that is not enough. These stags have the colossal nerve to feel slighted if they are not shown every favor and asked to take every number, and the fraternity that is playing host feels that it will be accused of acting "high-hat" if each and every stag does not receive what he is expecting. A case of hospitality overdone.

The Interfraternity Council has viewed the great increase in the number of stags with growing alarm, and has received no end of requests from member organizations who have asked for some action to curb this intolerable practice. Not wishing to tear down the very foundation that has made interfraternity spirit at Penn State what it is today, the I. F. C. realizes that it must act cautiously in the matter and not advocate a too-radical change immediately.

As a result, there comes the motion that all stags, at their own discretion and with the consent of all parties concerned, should tag those men whose partners they wish to dance with, thus placing the burden on the guest and not on the host. In this manner, it is hoped that the number of stags will decrease, for a man will be hesitant to enter a house with which he is not acquainted, since he will not be catered to as he no doubt expects. It is felt that the new plan will also save feminine visitors, who are not acquainted with dance customs here, from embarrassment.

While the I. F. C. has accomplished an excellent bit of work in this matter, the COLLEGIAN feels that the Pan-Hellenic body has not gone far enough. The practice of these week-to-week stags should be checked. Open houses and interfraternity visiting should be encouraged as much as possible, providing the visitor brings his own girl. The stags have had their fill!

MOTHER'S DAY

On Saturday, October seventeenth, Penn State will celebrate its first Mother's Day. This event, the result of a long-felt desire of the student body, at last may be looked upon as an accomplished fact, for those in charge have made every possible effort to make this first occasion a successful sharer with Dad's Day in undergraduate enthusiasm.

The program is arranged, the parents association is now preparing invitations to the mothers of all students enrolled in the College, it remains for the students themselves to supply the essential element which will place the event beyond the experimental stage. No matter what preparations are made, no matter how many letters are sent out by the committee, there still lingers the danger that a scarcity of mothers may make the occasion not entirely successful. In such a case, Penn State would be in the position of the host who prepares a bountiful feast and then waits and waits for guests who do not arrive. Hardly a desirable position.

Penn State has much to offer its invited guests. A true understanding of college life and of individual student problems is hardly possible without an actual visit to the campus. It is the purpose of the day to bring about this contact.

If that purpose is to be accomplished, every student must make an honest effort to get his, or her, mother to Penn State on the seventeenth. The formal invitation of the College is not enough; the hastily penned, casual invitation in the weekly letter is not enough. Before the hundreds of mothers who are expected will come to State College they must be asked, asked personally and heartily.

THIS AND THAT

Intense class rivalry, conducted in the proper channels, is a vital part of the spirit of Penn State. Few dare comment on the enthusiasm of the junior and sophomore classes during the past week, for who can foretell whether or not it is a slight flurry, destined to die as quickly as it came to life. Should it live and flourish under the proper guidance, student leaders may feel that they have accomplished a little something in the battle of reviving the spirit of old.

It is an easy matter to be brave when the odds are in your favor. If these same sophomores who turn out in such great numbers when they are permitted to carry paddles make a similar showing at the class scraps this year, then 1925 will be in line for congratulations. And if these same juniors who are not averse to staying off the sophomores in their attempts to discipline the yearlings display the same vigilance in forcing the second-year men out to scraps, then 1927 will have done its share. Class scraps must be revived—they are a vital part of Penn State's life and spirit.

J. I. CLOWER JOINS STAFF IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Mr. James I. Clower, a graduate of West Virginia University in the course in Mechanical Engineering, has been appointed Instructor in Mechanical Engineering at this college. During his college course he obtained

a high scholastic record and is a member of the Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity. Since his graduation he has been employed with the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company and later was an Engineer and Designer with the A. G. Higgenbotham Company, Charlestown, W. Va.

Breach of Plebe Customs Brings Fifty to Justice

Approximately fifty violators of fifty-year customs—five of whom were accused of the extreme crime of conversing with the fair sex—are scheduled to be formally tried by the tribunal when that body convenes early next week. The renowned judicial body will be prepared to issue sentences that should serve as sufficient warning to those venturers who might contemplate overlooking restrictions in the future.

Extensive investigation during the past few days revealed about ten students who are trying to evade customs by strokes of "petty diplomacy." Some attended normal schools prior to their matriculation at Penn State and have without doubt intentionally refrained from ascertaining their proper status. In the meantime they promulgate severely on the grass with a loose shuffling on each arm.

A few men who were enrolled in the two-year Ag School last year and who were not compelled to take customs, have changed their curricula to four-year courses and have attempted to mask their past identity by these changes. However, the shrewd judges who comprise the tribunal have uncovered most of these cases and the offenders shall repent bitterly for their attempted deceptions.

It is expected that several more names will appear on the docket before the next session of the Penn State court. If the cases become too numerous, the august body of jurists will convene twice during the coming week.

Grid Gossip

Next week Bez will drill his men in detaching their jerseys and sailing in the wind to keep ahead of the Golden Tornado.

Neither Bas Giaz nor Filak will see service tomorrow because of injuries. We cite the old saying, "The best laid plans of mice and men."

In looking over the numbers assigned to the Penn State football players this season, we notice that there is neither a 13 nor a 23. If that be superstition, make the most of it.

And that makes everyone wonder if Nate Cartmell sleeps on an old track shoe, or whether Coach Leonard uses increase sticks for bedroom slippers on the eve of a contest.

Leo Houek is getting so many patients at his quarters in the Track House that he intends to get a reading table and subscribe to all magazines recommended by Doc Rittenour.

West Point opens its season against Detroit tomorrow. This is a point which decides a point—whether the mechanism of a Henry can be compared with the pulling power of a Mule.

There are four musketeers in the backfield of the freshman eleven and three of them have one thing in common—their names commence with "sububulous"—Wilson, Whitmore and Wolf.

There were plenty of opportunities to call offside penalties in the Varsity-Freshman game Wednesday. One of the 1925 backs must have been holding an open bag of candy in his hands, judging from the way the first-string linemen beat the gun.

This chap Grange might be as slippery as the ice he drags from doot to doot, but just watch Neal, of the Nittany freshman team. From all indications, he trains in the 'summer time with the proverbial "Greased Pig." Or it might be greased lightning.

LION "GUNMEN" TO VISIT PITTSBURGH

Ten steel-nerved Penn State gunmen will be in Pittsburgh the night before the annual "Turkey Day" gridiron battle, November twenty-fifth, but not with the intention of disabling the Pitt football men. They are on no more serious a project than to knock spots out of Pitt and Carnegie Tech targets in a triangular rifle match.

Practice every evening from seven to ten o'clock for the Varsity riflemen will serve to whip the team into shape for this big event on their schedule. Lieutenant Miller, coach of the rifle squad, is confident that the enthusiasm and ability of the men, together with a share of good, hard practice, augurs well for a successful season.

The schedule for the Rifle Team, as yet incomplete, calls for a match each week from the last week in October to the middle of April. The Nittany riflemen will meet some of the best college teams in preparation for the Intercollegiate Telegraphic matches arranged at present include University of Buffalo, last week in October, Dartmouth college, second week in November, Johns Hopkins university, first week in December, and New York university, second week in January.

The manager will receive replies from several schools this week and the complete schedule will appear in an early issue of the COLLEGIAN.

MME. LENTZ SUCCEEDS PROF. ALBERT ROBIN AS HEAD OF FRENCH CLUB

Since Prof. Albert Robin has left the department of Romance Languages, the direction of the French Club will be in the hands of Mme. Lentz of the same department. Last year witnessed the most successful period of the organization. Under the name of the Salon de Madame, the club gave meetings and plays which were attended and enjoyed by a great many students and faculty members as well as visitors.

Such a favorable impression was created upon the visitors from other colleges, that some inquired deeply into the organization with the idea in mind of fostering such a club in their respective colleges.

The department is arranging for numerous speakers and plays in an attempt to even out the successful season of last year. They are hoping for an usual amount of interest and enthusiasm from the students.

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BANDMASTER THOMPSON AGAIN IN ACTIVE SERVICE

Bandmaster W. O. Thompson, director of the Penn State Band since 1911, will be returned to active duty in the United States Army on the first of October, according to special orders received at R. O. T. C. Headquarters Tuesday. Mr. Thompson was returned from the army July first, but a request that he be returned to duty was granted by the War Department.

The communication reads as follows: "Under the provision of section 406, Act of Congress approved June 1, 1920, Master Sergeant Wilfred O. Thompson, U. S. Army, retired, State College, Pa., is ordered to active duty in his grade effective October 1, 1925, and will report to the Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa., for assignment to duty as his assistant."

SOPHOMORES PLAN DRIVE TO ENFORCE TRADITIONS

Convening primarily to discuss plans for Stunt Night, held Wednesday, the class of 1925 also brought up the question of enforcing customs on the evening yealings at a meeting in the Bull Pen Tuesday evening. To date fifty cases have been reported to the Student Tribunal, but it is the general consensus of opinion that the first-year men do not realize the importance of the customs and traditions at Penn State.

D. D. Henry '26 spoke to the second-year men, and asked that they take measures to curb this laxity on the part of the newcomers. He appealed to the sophomores' sense of duty and told them that they must see that those old traditions are upheld by the yealings.

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